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Kentucky Department of Energy Development and Independence symposium series “Economic Development through BioEnergy” continues in Springfield and Prestonsburg

*Collaborative conference designed to inform businesses and entrepreneurs of
opportunities in the biomass and biofuels industries*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 15, 2010) – The Kentucky Department of Energy Development and Independence continues its 2010 symposium series “Economic Development through BioEnergy” in Springfield on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010 and in Prestonsburg on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010.

The collaborative conferences, to be held from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Springfield at the Opera House and in Prestonsburg at the Big Sandy Area Development District office, will provide an opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to learn about potential development through BioEnergy, mandates that are driving BioEnergy markets, and federal and state resource organizations that provide financing and marketing support.

“Entrepreneurs, local leaders, service providers, and vendors allied with the biomass and biofuels business community shouldn’t miss this chance to learn about Kentucky’s BioEnergy potential and resources available to them,” said Gov. Steve Beshear. “This conference will focus on how Kentuckians can take advantage of the many resources that are available to those who look to lead an exciting and dynamic industry.”

The agenda includes:

- presentations on Gov. Beshear’s Executive Task Force on Biomass and Biofuels Development;
- the impact of federal mandates on Kentucky’s biomass potential;
- the integration of energy and agriculture;
- the Cabinet for Economic Development’s small business development programs;
- the Kentucky Science & Technology Corp.’s New Energy Ventures funding program;
- the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development funding opportunities; and,
- the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center’s commercial and industrial energy efficiency programs.

The conferences are free of charge with lunch provided, pre-registration is required. Attendees can pre-register for the Springfield session via e-mail to regina@sweda.org or by calling 859-336-0052 or 1-800-430-5505. Attendees can pre-register for the Prestonsburg session via e-mail to terry.trimble@bigsandy.org or by calling 606-886-2374.

The Springfield conference is hosted by the Bluegrass South Regional Economic Development Coalition and will include opening remarks by Springfield Mayor John W. Cecconi and Washington County Judge Executive John A. Settles.

The Prestonsburg conference is hosted by the Big Sandy Area Development District and will include opening remarks by Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Floyd County Judge Executive R.D. Marshall.

Additional forums will be held throughout the fall with confirmed events in the following areas: Maysville, Oct. 13; Henderson, Oct. 19; and Corbin, Oct. 27.

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